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[redacted] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on a number of current intelligence items. See Memorandum for the Record.

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I told Woodruff that yesterday representatives from DOD, including David Hessler and Maurice Lanman, had met with us to discuss their testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the funding of irregulars in Laos. I said the DOD people were interested in finding out how we handled payments to [redacted] irregulars and the number of personnel involved. DOD will prepare some material on alternatives to the present funding arrangement in response to Senator Stennis' request and will pass these to us for our comments.

I mentioned to Woodruff that Senator Stennis had asked us to give a general briefing to the CIA Subcommittee on the Agency budget some time in the very near future. Woodruff saw no problem from their standpoint and was in agreement with the areas which Braswell had indicated they wanted covered.

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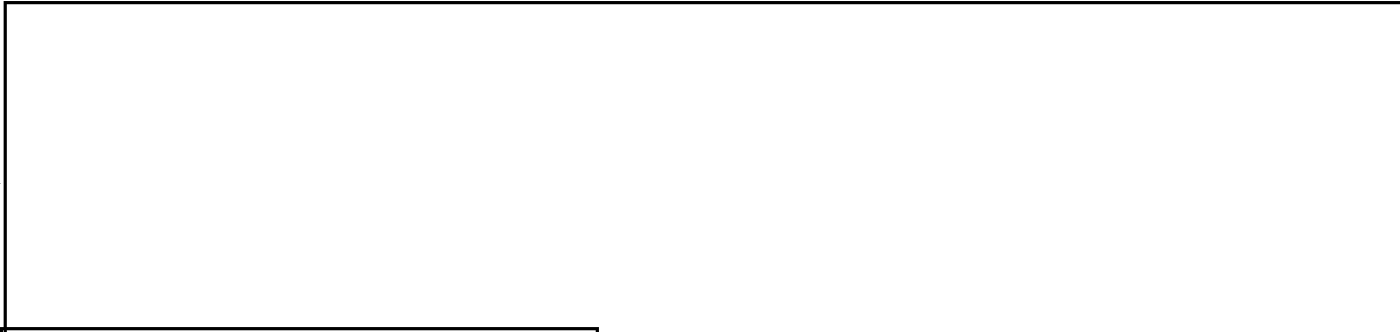
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[redacted] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on our discussions with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the matter of the funding of irregular forces in Laos. It is Woodruff's position that neither DOD nor State Department could make direct payments to the irregulars unless a specific authorization is contained in the section of the procurement act which would authorize the payment for irregular forces in Laos without further accounting. See Memo for Record.

I told Woodruff that General Walters is now expected to be in town either this Friday or next Monday and I was sure would be interested in paying a courtesy call on Chairman Ellender. Woodruff said he would mention this to the Chairman and get his reaction.

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8. [redacted] Met briefly with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and mentioned to him my conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Woodruff's statement regarding the funding of the Lao irregulars to the effect that the Department of Defense is precluded from making direct payment to these forces because of GAO requirements which are based on law. Braswell passed this off saying this was not what the witnesses told the Committee yesterday.

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